

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

executing a service selection method on an off load processor of a laptop/notebook computing system that is capable of communicating with a handheld device to dynamically select an available wide area wireless network service for handling telephony traffic sent to/from said handheld device, said executing being performed while a main CPU of said computing system is in a low power state, said handheld device capable of communicating telephony traffic to and receiving telephony traffic from a wide area wireless network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said selection method further comprises discovering that said available network service is available within said computing system's present environment prior to ~~said~~ any handling of traffic for said handheld device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said available service because it has a lowest cost metric amongst a plurality of available network services.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said network service according to a pre-determined policy.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said selection method further comprises maintaining a table within a memory coupled to said off load processor, said memory having an entry that correlates said available network service with an identity of said handheld device, said identity to communicate with said handheld device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said selection method further comprises updating said table as a consequence of said computing system entering a new environment of available network services.

7 – 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having program code that when processed by a laptop/notebook computing system causes said laptop/notebook computing system to perform a method comprising:

executing a service selection method on an off load processor of a laptop/notebook computing system that is capable of communicating with a handheld device to dynamically select an available wide area wireless network service for handling telephony traffic sent to/from said handheld device, said executing being performed while a main CPU of said

computing system is in a low power state, said handheld device capable of communicating telephony traffic to and receiving telephony traffic from a wide area wireless network

38. (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 37 wherein said selection method further comprises discovering that said available network service is available within said computing system's present environment prior to ~~said~~ any handling of traffic for said handheld device.

39. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 37 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said available service because it has a lowest cost metric amongst a plurality of available network services.

40. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 37 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said network service according to a pre-determined policy.

41. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 37 wherein said selection method further comprises maintaining a table within a memory coupled to said off load processor, said memory having an entry that correlates said available network service with an identity of said handheld device, said identity to communicate with said handheld device.

42. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 37 wherein said selection method further comprises updating said table as a consequence of said computing system entering a new environment of available network services.

43. (Currently Amended) A laptop/notebook computer having a storage device and program code stored thereon that when processed by said laptop/notebook computer causes said laptop/notebook computer to perform a method, comprising:

executing a service selection method on an off load processor of a laptop/notebook computing system that is capable of communicating with a handheld device to dramatically select an available wide area wireless network service for handling telephony traffic sent to/from said handheld device, said executing being performed while a main CPU of said computing system is in a low power state, said handheld device capable of communicating telephony traffic to and receiving telephony traffic from a wide area wireless network.

44. (Currently Amended) The laptop/notebook computer of claim 43 wherein said selection method further comprises discovering that said available network service is available within said computing system's present environment prior to ~~said~~ any handling of traffic for said handheld device.

45. (Previously Presented) The laptop/notebook computer of claim 43 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said available service because it has a lowest cost metric amongst a plurality of available network services.

46. (Previously Presented) The laptop/notebook computer of claim 43 wherein said selecting further comprises selecting said network service according to a pre-determined policy.

47. (Previously Presented) The laptop/notebook computer of claim 43 wherein said selection method further comprises maintaining a table within a memory coupled to said off load processor, said memory having an entry that correlates said available network service with an identity of said handheld device, said identity to communicate with said handheld device.

48. (Previously Presented) The laptop/notebook computer of claim 43 wherein said selection method further comprises updating said table as a consequence of said computing system entering a new environment of available network services.